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In re application of

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PROCESS FOR PREPARING GLYOXYLIC ESTERS OR THEIR HYDRATES [Corresponding to PCT/EP99/09517 Filed December 6, 1999]

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of [X] the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and/or [] the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the form PTO-1449 and each U.S. patent application listed below is enclosed, except a copy is not provided for each reference previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in prior parent application Serial No. _______.

1a. [X] This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

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	a. []	a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,		
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	e. []	the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:		
5.	[X]	Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:		
		It is believed that the PTO has a copy of all references cited herein since these references were cited in the International Search Report (ATTACHMENT F)		
6.	[] A fo	oreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.		
		Respectfully submitted,		
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